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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: QRP-L digest 2134

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- 29) [94600] RE: Clean Contacts & Acid Paper
by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
- 30) [94601] QRP++ FS w/mod
by JJ&A <w7ls@blarg.net>
- 31) [94602] Attention NY Hams Please read! URL included
by Thomas Jennings <jennings@shell1.eznet.net>
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by Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>
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by "Don Wilhelm" <w3fpr@arrl.net>
- 34) [94605] Cuba; Yes? No?
by Drbob92031@aol.com
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by "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
- 36) [94607] Goofy kufi question, slightly arf topic
by nilsbull@juno.com
- 37) [94608] Re: Cuba; Yes? No?
by Joseph I Pirkle <ad4ih@juno.com>
- 38) [94609] Re: Cuba; Yes? No?
by Garie Halstead <k8kfj@ntelos.net>
- 39) [94610] re: WA8IKW & 30m
by "Mark Hogan" <mhogan@email.msn.com>
- 40) [94611] Re: Cuban QSLs
by Ralph Parker <rparker@dccnet.com>
- 41) [94612] OT TS-830S and PSK31
by GUARDM@aol.com
- 42) [94613] Re: Cuba; Yes? No?

by "Brian Murrey" <bmurrey@amexol.net>

Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 19:07:34 -0500
From: "C L Barnett" <kb4cuq@worldnet.att.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94572] Needed top cover for PM-3a
Message-ID: <002901c0b19a\$ef184900\$d11f4d0c@worldnet.worldnet.att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I am in need of a top cover for one of the Ten-Tec
PM series. If any one has parted one of these and
has the top cover left I would be interested. Someone
put a speaker in the top of the one I have. Please
reply of line to kb4cuq@arrl.net.
Thanks

Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 16:08:46 -0800
From: <schoon@amgt.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, <sjolin@swbell.net>
Subject: [94573] RE: Another storm thought
Message-ID: <c=US%a=_%p=American_Geotech%l=AG-CALCITE-BDC-010321000846Z-963@ag-basalt-pxy.amgt.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey, the falling debris field would light the sky for awhile!!

.mark de SOCAL!

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>From: Dave Sjolin[SMTP:sjolin@swbell.net]
>Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 3:35 PM
>To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
>Subject: Re: Another storm thought
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>Dave Fouchey wrote:
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>> Paul you REALLY know how to make one sleep well at night...;-)
>>
>> I wonder how much additional drag it will introduce and just how much it
>> will distort the estimated entry trajectory? Any of our Aussie bretheren
>> wearing hard hats until Friday?
>
>Aussies, how about Californians. Poor folks in California wouldnt even
>know it was coming, what with the power shut off. :-)
>
>73 de Dave, N0IT
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Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 19:10:40 -0500
From: Fran Flynn <fflynn@adelphia.net>
To: qrp-l Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94574] Sierra VFO brainstorm - Thanks!
Message-ID: <3AB7F180.927DD319@adelphia.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just want to say thanks for all the good ideas!

72 Fran Km1z

Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 19:28:55 -0500
From: "Victor Blackwell" <victor@brecnet.com>
To: <sjolin@swbell.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94575] Re: Another storm thought
Message-ID: <004301c0b19d\$ea721220\$615730d1@victor>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

We should make book on it. I say the Canadians will get it.

Vic AD8K

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>Aussies, how about Californians. Poor folks in California wouldnt even
>know it was coming, what with the power shut off. :-)

Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 17:40:06 -0700 (MST)
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94576] MIR and QRPTTF
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.10103201733330.22882-100000@shell.rt66.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

In regards to what would happen if the solar wind *does* blow a chunk of
MIR into your backyard ... look on the bright side: I'm sure Jan N0QT
would accept operating from the smouldering crater and debris field to be
a qualified 2001 QRPTTF theme site :-)

72, Paul NA5N

Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 19:43:37 -0500
From: "ZOOM" <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>
To: <victor@breconet.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [94577] Re: Another storm thought
Message-ID: <017101c0b19f\$f7c3e1e0\$3294fea9@robertpa>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

We wouldn't want it cause we would have to pay tax and brokerage for delivery hihi!

Cheers,
Robert Parker
VE3RPF

----- Original Message -----

From: "Victor Blackwell" <victor@brecnet.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 7:28 PM
Subject: Re: Another storm thought

> We should make book on it. I say the Canadians will get it.
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> Vic AD8K
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> >
> > Aussies, how about Californians. Poor folks in California wouldnt even
> > know it was coming, what with the power shut off. :-)
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Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 19:56:11 -0500
From: "Jim Kortge, K8IQY" <jokortge@prodigy.net>
To: "George Heron, N2APB" <n2apb@amsat.org>
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94578] 4017 Transverter corrections
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.1.20010320194715.009fce30@pop.prodigy.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

George Heron and other interested parties,

It was bound to happen. Mike Schettler, WA6MER is building a

4017 transverter, and asked me a question about the size of resistor R19 in the Tx section. Sure enough, it is shown in the schematic as 22K, and it's supposed to be 3.3K. Can't for the life of me figure out how the 22K value got there, as it is obviously way off the mark, and not what is in the prototype.

Also, I have also changed the value of R36 in the receive converter from 39 ohms to 22 ohms. That change boosts the gain of the output r.f. amp just a little, so that the output level matches the signal level coming into the converter. A 50 microvolt signal into the Rx converter on 7.068 MHz becomes a 50 microvolt signal on the output port at 18.068 MHz. A nice tidy way to have things.

Updated schematics are available. I'll try to get the updates to you before you take the overhead handouts to the printer.

72 and regards to all, sorry for the mistake.

Jim, K8IQY

Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 17:01:14 -0800
From: Russ Dow <n7dw@pacbell.net>
To: sjolin@swbell.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94579] Re: Another storm thought
Message-ID: <3AB7FD5A.5F38E7B0@pacbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Well prepared Californians have flashlights. Maybe we can use 'em to track the dying bird as it comes over... ;-)

Russ N7DW [/6]
Anaheim, CA

Dave Sjolin wrote:
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> >
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>
> Aussies, how about Californians. Poor folks in California wouldnt even
> know it was coming, what with the power shut off. :-)
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> 73 de Dave, NOIT

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 01:22:05 +0000
From: Garie Halstead <k8kfj@ntelos.net>
To: ed.kwik@delphiauto.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94580] Re: MI QRP Net
Message-ID: <3AB7BBED.78F04CFC@ntelos.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It is now 8:15 EST

Anyone else here in the east copying the USB simplex QSO going on right now on 3535? It's definately English but my copy is not good (or I'd run a tape recorder).

72 //Gary *K8KFJ*

Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 20:50:53 -0500
From: "Nick Yokanovich" <k3ny@toad.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94581] Re: Another storm thought
Message-ID: <009a01c0b1a9\$5e476320\$f9bd21a2@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Anyone remember Cosmos 954? It crashed into northwest Canada in January, 1978. It was much smaller than Mir, but nastier because of its nuclear power plant.

Nick K3NY Arnold, MD

----- Original Message -----

From: Victor Blackwell <victor@brecnet.com>

> You bet it will. just think the same thing. The Russians have already
> messed up allowing the bird to get this low and going in on a small angle
> and will end up letting it skip out of control. This should be a good
show
> before it is over. I think we are getting a lesson in how not to
de-orbit.
> They usually do well. Where your hard hat.
>
> Vic AD8K
>

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 02:10:05 -0500
From: John Farler <jfarler@mis.net>
To: qrp-1 <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94582] FS NC20 kit
Message-ID: <3AB853CD.BE7C3B49@mis.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have for sale an NorCal-20 kit
from the original
Norcal sale. It is approximately 1/3
built through the section dealing
with the AFA chip, and all sections before
this point checked out OK. VFO and audio
are working. It has no AFA readout. All
measurements to this point are nominal. The
100 Khz Xtal has been replaced with the
current limiting resistor modification added.
I will include an extra 100 khz xtal, although
this does not appear to be the problem.

Actual wiring and component placement
to this point has been checked
and rechecked by myself and an experienced
technician. No misplaced or damaged components

are apparent.

The kit is complete, with the added \$10 ten turn tuning potentiometer from the group buy installed.

I will sell in the US for \$85 to the earliest dated reply I receive offlist, to my address below, payable by check or MO.

John Farler, K4AVX
jfarler@mis.net

Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 18:10:30 -0800
From: Jeff Stai WK6I <jstai@home.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94583] Re: slightly OT: question about "emergency channels", and 2m wilderness protocol
Message-ID: <3AB80D96.9DDCBA29@home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

hi - thanks to all who answered my request - looks like Ch. 1 with no CTCSS is emerging convention, for better or worse.

Also, several folks did not seem to be familiar with the 2m wilderness protocol. Here is a link from the ARS that describes it:

http://www.natworld.com/ars/pages/back_issues/1998_text/0998_text/finding.html

thanks again! - 7[] - jeff wk6i

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jeff stai
radio stuff: WK6I in DM13
rocket stuff: NAR #21059 TRA #3356 Level 2 Cert.
email: jstai@home.com or wk6i@arrl.net
ROC web page: <http://www.rocstock.org/>
LDRS web page: <http://www.ldr20.org/>

Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2001 21:32:03 -0600
From: "Joel Kluender, NF9K" <nf9k@eudoramail.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [94584] DSW-20 Internal Battery
Message-ID: <APOMJKNLNMDODAAA@shared1-mail.whowhere.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Language: en
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

All,

I'm mulling over options for adding an internal rechargeable battery to my DSW-20. Seems like there might be enough headroom to do it. Anyone out there tried it or have suggestions?

Thanks,
Joel NF9K

Joel Kluender, NF9K
870 Prairie Street S.
Shakopee, MN 55379

"All men are like grass, and all their glory is
like the flowers of the field; the grass
withers and the flowers fall, but the word of
the Lord stands forever." (I Peter 1:24-25)

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<http://www.eudoramail.com>

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 04:47:24 -0000
From: "Richard Matthews" <prm@hiwaay.net>
To: "q" <qrp-1@Lehigh.edu>, <FT-817@yahooogroups.com>, <FT817@yahooogroups.com>
Subject: [94585] OP: 30 meter PSK31 Beacon 75 milliwatts results
Message-ID: <005c01c0b1c2\$09cee660\$6f85150c@scottsboro.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

It was a rough night for milliwatting on 30 meters but the FT-817
transmitted for over three solid hours at 75 milliwatts and was copied by
four stations.

First reporting was Gene Sailsbury KC IKY Pittsburg, Ks reporting a 57 signal

Jim Mortensen N2HOS in the Tampa Bay area of Florida stumbled upon the beacon with good copy

My fellow Alabaman Ken Brown N4SO in Mobile, AL had 100 % copy on the 75mw signal

And last, the most distant station (about 500 miles north) Jim AB8IG copied the beacon in South Euclid, Ohio, and said:

"Signal is barely readable. No 'S' reading, but faint trace on the waterfall. FB on the 75 mW. It took about six cycles of the transmission to get the entire msg.

Antenna here is a shorty dipole up about 30' which is not resonant on 10.138 . Not the best setup here for 30m."

I've finally gotten owed certificates made out and will try to mail those tomorrow.

Thanks to all who participate.

73,

Richard, WA4NWW

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 02:14:40 EST
From: RangerSF5@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94586] Re: "P" Tick keyer
Message-ID: <28.12ccaff4.27e9aee0@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This was sent to me but I think it was supposed to go to the list.

BTW,

I saw one of the P tick keyers and it's a little GEM.

You can't get more bang for your buck than this.

For \$12.00 shipped it doesn't even pay to think of looking for parts to build one.

I have 2 on the way.

One for the MFJ 40-M and one for my old trusty NC 40.

Bob

WA2HQrp <tm>

From: "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@hotmail.com>

Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 15:12:30 PDT

Subject: Kits: Ft. Smith P-TiCK Picture

Guys, there is a great picture of the new Ft. Smith QRP Group kit.

Kelsey

Mikel, KK5KU has a great picture of it on the Ft. Smith QRP Group Website at this site.

<http://www.qsl.net/kk5ku/arkieconpic2.html>

Scan down and click on the picture of the P-TiCK right next to Glen Leinweber in the second set of pictures. The picture will come up full size and you can see what the kit looks like. Remember, the Ft. Smith Group is kitting this one for \$10!! Unbelievable. You get all the parts to build a paddle, and a TiCK Keyer!! \$10!! The paddle is adjustable, and works quite well. It is a lot of fun to build, and will work like a charm. If you need a Paddle and Keyer to throw in for working out in the field, this is the one to get. Great price! And yes it does include the TiCK chip. To order send \$12 (\$10 + \$2 S&H) to:

Jay Bromley W5JAY
9505 Bryn Mawr Circle
Fort Smith, AR 72908-9276

And if you want a really great deal, send another \$10 and JayBob will include a VE3DNL Marker Generator kit. If you have been holding off on ordering one of these great kits, now is the time to act. Save a couple of bucks on postage too!! The Ft. Smith QRP Group will use the profits from these kits to fund Arkiecon next year.

While you are at the Ft. Smith QRP Group site, check out the pics of Arkiecon. The Hanging Judge, Kelsey Mikel, did a great job with the pictures, and he did a great job with the web site. Just wish that I could have worked him Saturday in the QRPTTF. Have to be satisfied with

hanging
out at the beach checking out the babes in bikinis.

I have no financial interest in the Ft. Smith P-TiCK kit. Just want to
share the information with the rest of the QRPers.<---Me 2
72, Doug, KI6DS

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 05:33:43 -0500 (EST)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: "Ron, KU7Y" <ku7y@qsl.net>
Cc: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94587] Re: Clean Contacts & Acid Paper
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0103210521260.88784-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Still the Question remains, How the Hell do you test the Paper? Suck on
it to see if it is Lemon Flavor or Chalky ? :^}

If I could afford one of thos fancy keys, I would either use it DAILY AND
NOT WORRY ABOUT IT. [Ie. don't give it a chance to tarnish] :^} Or Check
the internet for a small bottle of "Tarnex" "Silver Cleaning Liquid" I
remember the Adverts on T.V. years ago. Darn stuff works at that. Not
recommended for cleaning "Silver Coins" Cleaning Coins reduces their
Value. Still, I know collectors and "Dealers" who do it all of the time.

Yep, I had my hand in Coins and Stamps once upon a time...

Collecting is often in the blood. :^} Duracula :^)

I also Collect Keys, Crystals, and Pomona Boxes.. Oh Yes, And QRP KITS :^}

Sir George, The First :^)

72 ES

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Maryland Milliwatt Club Founder and Trustee of Club Station - WQ3RP -
Grid Square FM19mb 76.94 W - 39.06 N Silver Spring, MD 20904 QRPea.A.

On Mon, 19 Mar 2001, Ron, KU7Y wrote:

> Hi Danny,
>
> Ah, but it was the builder of the key who said not to use paper with any
> acid content! I had never heard of it either.
>
> 73,
>
> cul, Ron KU7Y
> Full time RVing somewhere in the West!
> (Currently near Benson, AZ)
> A Proud AZScQRPion
> ***Those who trade liberty for security have neither.***
>

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 08:01:32 -0600
From: "Richard Matthews" <prm@hiwaay.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, <FT817@yahooogroups.com>, <ft-817@yahooogroups.com>
Subject: [94588] OP:30meter PSK31 75 milliwatt Beacon coverage graphic
Message-ID: <001201c0b20f\$708cc0a0\$fb06b99d@huntsville.sparta.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

PSK31+FT-817+30 meters+75 milliwatts+fullwave 80 meter loop antenna =
<http://home.hiwaay.net/~prm/img001.JPG>.

Some may find a graphical representation of the beacon coverage area
interesting.

There was another receiving station in Tampa, FL who's callsign I did not
have when I made the graphic . . . sorry. Interesting that 3 of the 4
reporting stations were all at about the same distance from the beacon
transmitter. there must be a lot of hams out there listening to/reading
PSK31 transmissions. I rarely turn my beacon on without some station finding
it by chance and sending in a report by email.

My great little Yaesu FT-817 set there and ran 3 hours plus, non-stop while
the beacon was in operation and at the 75 milliwatt output power heated up
very little more than normal receive temperature.

Output power was verified by a Oak Hills WM-2 QRP watt meter set on the 100 milliwatt range. The rig was matched to the fullwave loop antenna by a Emtch ZM-2 QRP tuner. The antenna is the 80 meter Loop skywire antenna described on the ARRL antenna construction site this is a great, inexpensive, easy to hang, all band antenna, if one has the room to hang it. Mine snakes 268 feet in a circle shape through the hardwood trees in my backyard and is 30-35 feet up and fed directly by 50 ohm coax. I use it 10-80 meters with just a bit of tuning from the ZM-2.

Amazing what 75 thousandth of a watt of RF energy can do when combined with the PSK31 mode.

73,

Richard, WA4NWW mini-warble on

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 09:39:14 -0500
From: larrykosch@glasscity.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94589] Ten Tec 556
Message-ID: <5.0.0.25.1.20010321092145.009d8ce0@pop3.norton.antivirus>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hi Gang

I have a Ten Tec Argo 556 1 to 5 Watt CW and SSB for sale...It has noise blanker, manual, mike and one module of your choice...All for \$345 firm plus \$8 shipping in the US 48...In very good condition....Have modules for 80m-40m-17m-15m-10m...Other modules will be after radio is sold at \$25 each...TNX Larry K8EJU...

k8eju@arrl.net

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 09:43:41 -0500
From: "Lofstead, Jerry" <Jerry.Lofstead@itb.mckhboc.com>
To: "'k3tks@u1.abs.net'" <k3tks@u1.abs.net>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94590] RE: Clean Contacts & Acid Paper

Message-ID: <078F21595FA7D411B87B00805FA728E64A465B@atlexc02ntms.hboc.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

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Jerry
W3CDE

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Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2001 5:34 AM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
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> A Proud AZScQRPion
> ***Those who trade liberty for security have neither.***
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Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 10:00:04 -0500
From: larrykosch@glasscity.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94591] MFJ-6Meters
Message-ID: <5.0.0.25.1.20010321095502.009cf650@pop3.norton.antivirus>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hi Gang

I have a MFJ-9406 rig for sale...10watts pep on SSB and has the CW adapter
in it..With manual
and mike...In very good condition...Will sell for \$175 plus \$5 shipping in
the US 48...

TNX Larry K8EJU

k8eju@arrl.net

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 08:25:14 -0700
From: "Conant, Paul" <paul.conant@lmco.com>
To: "Qrp-L (Post To List) (E-mail)" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94592] [TMPS] Interim Report from WQ5X (long)

Message-ID: <675067CF647BD4118DEA00508BE32AB47EAA2D@emss02m09.ems.lmco.com>
Content-return: allowed
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

The investigator operated on 31 days between August 3, 2000 and March 21, 2001. This period began before the formal announcement of the Thirty-meter Propagation Study (TMPS).

Station set-up: Vectronics VEC-1230K transmitter and Vectronics VEC-1130K receiver

The transmitter is nominally rated at 1W output power. It was operated with a 15V power supply at the inception of the study, but power was not measured. During the study, the 15V power supply failed and was replaced by a Radio Shack 273-1667 power supply that will operate at 12, 9, 7.5, 6, 4.5, and 3V. At 12V, the power output of the VEC-1230K was visually estimated at 600 mW. This was done by using a #47 bulb as a dummy load and keying the transmitter. An identical bulb was connected to a variable power supply for which voltage was adjusted to produce the same brightness as that of the dummy load bulb, as nearly as could be visually ascertained. Voltage and current readings for the reference bulb were used to calculate power.

The antenna used for the TMPS is a slightly drooping dipole with its apex at about 19'.

On-air results:

States contacted: SC, TN, OH, TX, MO, GA, MI, PA, CO, AR, NC, KY, KS, NY, AL, VA, IL, MD, NJ, and NM

DX: Guatemala

8 of the 31 contacts were 2-way QRP QSO's. Power levels reported by distant operators were 100 mW, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5W.

Signal strenght reports received for the investigator's stations ranged from 2 - 9 as follows:

S2 - 4 times; S3 - 3 times; S4 - 8 times; S5 - 7 times, S6 - 5 times, S7 - 7 times; S8 - 4 times, S9 - 2 times

Readability was reported as R5 - 33 times; R4 - 6 times; S3 - 1 time.

Distances of communications ranged from 39 to 1376 miles.

The investigator will continue to operate within VX0 range of 10.108 MHz.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul, WQ5X

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 10:30:51 -0500
From: "Richard Clemens" <clemens@wwwc.edu>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94593] FS - Ten-Tec Scout
Message-ID: <004201c0b21b\$eb0c8020\$dd68010a@wwwc.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For Sale - Ten-Tec Scout all modules like new.

See the ARRL Listing - Transceivers HF

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Richard Clemens, KB8A0B
clemens@wwwc.edu

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 11:28:01 -0800
From: "Craig A. Ferris" <cferris@aeronix.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [94594] FS/FT Yaesu FT-101B VFO
Message-ID: <3AB900C1.29BCD9C1@aeronix.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have a VFO/dial/knob assembly from a FT-101B. It tunes from 8.7-9.2 Mhz. It was going to be used for a homebrew transceiver. Also have schematic. If interested, make offer, cash or trade. Looking for qrp related items (working or not). Please reply direct.

72,
Craig NR4E

Melbourne, FL

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 08:43:53 -0800 (PST)
From: agtaylor@llnl.gov
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94595] N7XJ and K7GT to the field!
Message-ID: <200103211643.IAA17021@poptop.llnl.gov>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/plain; CHARSET=US-ASCII

Bob and I will be heading to the far SE corner of Utah for several days of hiking and radio play. QTH will be Cedar Mesa, elev ~6500', San Juan county. Rigs: K1, K2, NC40A. Antennas: various inv dipoles. This site is just east of Monument Valley (yeah, the place used in all those westerns) and we will be exploring canyons to the east of the mesa where there are numerous Anasazi ruins sites. Following the rules, of course!

Operating: I will give the CQ WPX/SSB test a try with the club call NC7X. Otherwise we will be on 40 and 20 mostly, perhaps 15m, cw. First RF out Friday evening, March 23, leaving Wednesday evening, March 28.

Give us a shout!

Allan K7GT

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Allan G Taylor

agtaylor@llnl.gov

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 17:44:02 -0500
From: John Farler <jfarler@mis.net>
To: qrp-l <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94596] Re:for sale NC-20 Kit
Message-ID: <3AB92EB2.DB67A8B9@mis.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The NC-20 kit I posted has been
spoken for.

Thanks, 72,
John Farler
K4AVX
jfarler@mis.net

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 10:19:38 -0800
From: Eric Swartz WA6HHQ - Elecraft <eric@elecraft.com>
To: Elecraft mail list <elecraft@qth.net>, QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, qrp@qth.net,
GQRP <gqrp@egroups.com>
Subject: [94597] K2 Impressions in April QST 'QRP Power' Column
Message-ID: <3AB8F0BA.EC7DAEEC@elecraft.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Rich Arland, K7SZ, has done a nice write up on the K2 in the April QST QRP Power
column on page 99. It can also be read in .pdf form on the ARRL's members only
web site at:
<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/tis/info/pdf/0104099.pdf>

73, Eric WA6HHQ
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<http://www.elecraft.com>

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 13:28:58 -0500
From: Thomas Jennings <jennings@shell1.eznet.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94598] Attention NY Hams Please read!
Message-ID: <20010321132858.A26563@shell1.eznet.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

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PLEASE take time to read the website listed below - and
follow the directions. I would encourage all members of local clubs to

have the club organization send a note, email, etc - on club letterhead.
As well as individual contributions.

-Mark, K2AXX

73,
Tom Kv2x

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 13:40:35 -0500 (EST)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: Larry <ac5ez@webtv.net>
Cc: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, G-QRP Club E-mail Reflector <gqrp@onelist.com>
Subject: [94599] "Pomona" Boxes (Die Cast Box)
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0103211320540.9228-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

A Pomona Box is a "Brand Name" of Metal Die Cast Box that is Used in the Electronic Industry for Test Equipment Adapters and Containers for RF Shielded Devices. They are sold Plain, and Factory Equipped with BNC Connectors, Etc. Actually you can get them with just about any Connector known to man. They are generally Painted (Powder Coated?) a Medium Blue, I think There may be another Color Gray? or Unpainted? They have a Removable Panel Cover. This gives you access to the inside. Prices Start around \$ 10. for one about 1 X 1 X 1-1/2 without connectors and goes up rapidly from there :^} I have often found them Surplus at Hamfests.

My good friend Mike Czuhajewski, WA8MCQ is the real expert on them. He is a "Serious Collector" :^)

One of his "Famous QRP Projects" "The QRP Key" is made with one of the Small sized boxes. A Simple Transmitter Circuit with a Western Electric 6B Telegraph Key Mounted on the Top.

It's Picture Appeared in an Older Issue of The QRP Quarterly Journal.

I will have to check my library and dig out the issue.

I would like to see a Photo Spread Article in The Quarterly with Projects made in/on "Pomona Boxes".

Maybe I will mention it to our Editor and See what he thinks of the idea.

Don't worry if the Box has a hole or two in it. They can be filled to make it as good as new.

I forgot to mention that some of the more expensive models have a lot of screws in the cover. :^)

Sir George, The First :^)

72 ES

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On Wed, 21 Mar 2001, Larry wrote:

> What is a Pomona box ?
>
> K1zw
> Larry
> Qcwa
>

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 13:52:22 -0500 (EST)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: "Lofstead, Jerry" <Jerry.Lofstead@itb.mckhboc.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94600] RE: Clean Contacts & Acid Paper
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0103211348220.9228-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Thanks Jerry.

I guess I am still a bit Skeptical about it's need. I have always just used Plain Bond Paper. Which seemed to work fine. OTOH I am not a real High Speed Op like some here on the list. When You have the gap cranked down to about .001" an speck of dust and maybe oxidation become a problem.

I would think that Regular Use would keep those contacts "Shiny" :^}

On that Basis, I had better order a large bottle of Contact Cleaner/Silver Polish. :^}

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Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 11:14:57 -0800
From: JJ&A <w7ls@blarg.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94601] QRP++ FS w/mod
Message-ID: <3AB8FDB1.2FF314F8@blarg.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Late QRP++. Latest factory version. Has extended transmit mod professionally done. Mint condition. Original manual and shipping box. I can email pictures of inside and outside. Indistinguishable from brand new. Sat on shelf as backup rig. Rig works great. No problems of any type. No scratches anywhere. \$350 plus shipping. MO/cashier's check preferred, personal check ok after clear. Jim W7LS

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 14:21:50 -0500
From: Thomas Jennings <jennings@shell1.eznet.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94602] Attention NY Hams Please read! URL included
Message-ID: <20010321142150.A31720@shell1.eznet.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

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73,
Tom Kv2x

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 12:25:38 -0700
From: Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>
To: QRP-L <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94603] Contest: QRPDUPE Now Includes NJ Spring Homebrew Event
Message-ID: <3AB90032.D60D14D7@dancris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gangue:

I just uploaded the newest version of QRPDUPE to my usual Website at:
<http://www.dancris.com/~bkassel/index.htm#top>

I'm sorry that I have not had time to include suggestions made by some users, but hope to do so in the next release. This release includes the NJ club's upcoming Spring QRP Homebrew Sprint Contest. It is scheduled for this Sunday evening (GMT Date is Monday). This looks to be a great event, as even PRIZES will be awarded, and SPC's count for EACH mode CW and PSK-31 on each band.

As always, I strongly encourage all users to give the program a short dry run, and let me know of any problems so that I may get them fixed before the event. I tested it pretty thoroughly, so hopefully it will all work 100%.

Brian K7RE

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 16:20:43 -0500
From: "Don Wilhelm" <w3fpr@arrl.net>
To: <k3tks@u1.abs.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94604] Re: Clean Contacts & Acid Paper
Message-ID: <00c101c0b24c\$de545020\$dfc83004@dbw11main>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

George and all,
Keep in mind that every time the contacts are cleaned by mechanical means (even with paper), a bit of the contact material is taken away.
Sooo - I would not recommend cleaning unless it is needed - but when it is needed, use whatever is necessary (starting with the most mild cleaning method - like the bond paper - and working up to the more harsh stuff - STOP when it works properly and cause no more damage)

73,

Don Wilhelm -Chapel Hill, NC W3FPR home page:
<http://www.w3fpr.webprovider.com>
QRP-L # 485 K2 SN 0020 [mailto: w3fpr@arrl.net](mailto:w3fpr@arrl.net)

----- Original Message -----

From: "George Gingell" <k3tks@u1.abs.net>

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Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 16:40:07 EST
From: Drbob92031@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94605] Cuba; Yes? No?
Message-ID: <d6.3f0bc1a.27ea79b7@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi folks;
With selling my practice and making two moves in as many years I have had little air time. Got on CW today and had a QSO with a guy in Cuba. is that a "no no" or can I QSL him ? Now you know how long its been.
tnx fer any help 72/73 de WA2EAW.Bob e-mail ,<Drbob92031@aol.com>

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 16:55:13 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: ".QRP-L Discussion Group" <QRP-L@Lehigh.edu>, ")W.D.(Doc)Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [94606] The FOX is not dead :-)
Message-ID: <200103211655_MC2-C99C-3ED0@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Gang:

Several have wondered about the plans for future FOX hunts. Well take heart and keep your FOX hunting guns loaded--there are some exciting things coming down the pike. Watch for an announcement early next week for a truly revolutionary and extraordinary event. You won't want to miss this=one, believe me :-). =

I can also say that we are planning on a Cub Summer hunt, because there have been so many requests for one. Watch this space [g]. Thanks again = to

Karl Larsen K5DI and John Wagner KB1ENS for their terrific work on the coordination team for this past winter's Cub series.

72,

--Doc/K0EVZ

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 16:54:41 +0000
From: nilsbull@juno.com
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94607] Goofy kufi question, slightly arf topic
Message-ID: <20010321.165450.-164655.1.nilsbull@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Y'all

Woody Lee sent me a note what got me thinkin' that the note that I'd just trashed might otter be sent anyway, even if it is off topic & all that. So here it is:

First off, I'm trying to get back into playin' 75m or 40m SSB. The other night I had a nice little Q with WW8MM (think about that call-sign will ya . . .) and thought "Heck, I'm only runnin' 15 W and this former 3968er can still hear me. Maybe I should find some homies to hang with . . . "

So who would I hang with? The 3968ers have moved on to 3785 and took all their power and prejudgements with 'em. One of 'em told me the other night to not even bother callin' unless I "got a signal." Whatever that meant. I already got the various Bible study nets mad at me for askin' questions instead of amen-in' along with 'em. I'm not into weather reports or county huntin'. And I'd rather have a nominally intellectual chat than just "right, Bob . . . your new linear sounds good here . . . are you usin' that new platinum-wired, gold-plated, zirconium-studded Heil mic element that you traded your wife & first-born male child for?"

So I'm up for a challenge.

Anyone know of an Islamic net? Seriously. I loaded Samir Alicehajic's Islamic information software and his multi-lingual Qur'an software on this machine, and I have Adel Al-Rumaih's azan time program too. It even gives the call to prayer from the mosque in Mekka & "calculates the

prayer times for in any place in the world and according to all the Islamic organizations. It has information for more than 2000+ cities" When it kicks in & Cindy's home, she just looks at me with this rolling-eyeball look as if she's wondering about my sanity.

Heck, even I wonder about my sanity.

I figure with all my muslim friends (at work & elsewhere), there ought to be a couple muslim folks local (like in the US) who also have radios &c. Only thing is, I ain't into "hamdu'allah" every other sentence any more than I am into "amen, Brother Bob . . . that's a fine witness . . . "

And no, I ain't got Nomex underwear but I do have a delete button. So if you're gonna flame me, so be it.

Or else I find a bunch of lunatics who want to discuss Pleistocene belief systems & the animist basis for Gnostic hermit communities in pre-20th Century Iraq. Or mitochondrial DNA studies on neanderthal bone specimens.

Or space-a-men.

73 wa as-sala'am aleikum, aghinalaram

Nils

Nils R. Bull Young -- El Gringo Errante -- La Estancia de los Guajolotes Sonrientes

<http://w8ijn.www6.50megs.com> -- W8IJN --

<http://members.fortunecity.com/nilsbull>

"In MY day we had to FIGHT to have earphones! Every DAY was STRUGGLE!"

-- Comrade Nikolai Sergeievich

McTovarishov, 19 Oct 1917

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Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 16:57:43 -0500

From: Joseph I Pirkle <ad4ih@juno.com>

To: Drbob92031@aol.com

Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [94608] Re: Cuba; Yes? No?

Message-ID: <20010321.165745.-3630149.0.ad4ih@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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On Wed, 21 Mar 2001 16:40:07 EST Drbob92031@aol.com writes:

> Hi folks;
> With selling my practice and making two moves in as many years I
> have had
> little air time. Got on CW today and had a QSO with a guy in Cuba.
> is that a
> "no no" or can I QSL him ? Now you know how long its been.
> tnx fer any help 72/73 de WA2EAW.Bob e-mail ,<Drbob92031@aol.com>
>

Bob,
It is a "yes-yes". Cuba is even among the "third-party agreement"
nations.

Joe Pirkle, AD4IH,
"Everyone seems normal until you get to know them."
ad4ih@att.net / ad4ih@arrl.net

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 22:04:54 +0000
From: Garie Halstead <k8kfj@ntelos.net>
To: Drbob92031@aol.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94609] Re: Cuba; Yes? No?
Message-ID: <3AB8DF36.E9CE96A3@ntelos.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Hello Bob...

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Good luck.

72 //Gary *K8KFJ*

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 16:08:06 -0600
From: "Mark Hogan" <mhogan@email.msn.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94610] re: WA8IKW & 30m
Message-ID: <00a101c0b253\$68a0eb20\$08851a3f@cityweb.gov>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I e-mailed Mr Hollingsworth and got a very nice reply.
He is a 80% cw man and doubts we will ever hear the guy on cw.
He said th keep him posted if we have a problem.

Mark Hogan N50BC
SST-40 / 38s Speed-X Bug
NC-20 / FT847 NorCal Keyer
Zombie 660, SOC 185, G-QRP 4972, all that junk...

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 14:44:08 -0800
From: Ralph Parker <rparker@dccnet.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94611] Re: Cuban QSLs
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.20010321144408.007e7ae0@pop3.dccnet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

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>...Mail from the Canadian provinces and Mexico seem to go through OK...

Hi gang:

I'll make this group the same offer I made to my VHF buddies:

Put your QSL in an envelope (and SASE if you want), sealed and addressed to the Cuban station, but with no stamp and no return address.

Send it to me in a larger envelope along with a \$1.00 bill. (see below)

I'll buy a stamp and mail it from Canada. Usually gets through.

Disclaimers: I don't make any provision for the return QSL from Cuba.

I assume you enclose a SASE in your envelope. And I don't guarantee results.

My postal service is no better than yours, but we ARE friendly with Cuba.

my address: R.Parker

P.O. Box 22,

Pt. Roberts, WA 98281-0022

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Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 17:45:58 EST

From: GUARDM@aol.com

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [94612] OT TS-830S and PSK31

Message-ID: <26.12e268ee.27ea8926@aol.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Has anyone had any luck connecting a Kenwood TS-830S to their computer and working PSK31? I'm having trouble and would like a bit of help, so I thought, what better place to find it but right here.

72/73,

Mev KG9NF

Madison Wisconsin

ARS #641 QRP-L #2066 10X #7014 SOC#127

<http://www.qsl.net/kg9nf> ICQ# 49602335

"Never drive faster than the Angels can fly!" -Bumper Sticker-

Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2001 18:44:02 -0500

From: "Brian Murrey" <bmmurray@amexol.net>

To: <k8kfj@ntelos.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [94613] Re: Cuba; Yes? No?

Message-ID: <001301c0b260\$d097fcc0\$2e372bd1@iquest.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've worked about a dozen Cubans. QSL'd them all direct. No green stamps, no IRC's.

I got a return QSL for the first time a couple of months ago...for a 30m contact...so can't even use it for DXCC <grin>

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Garie Halstead" <k8kfj@ntelos.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2001 5:04 PM
Subject: Re: Cuba; Yes? No?

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